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1. The German Office for the Testing of Goods and Materials (Deutsches Amt fuer Material- und Warenpruefung) (DAIM) has its headquarters at 63-64 Behrenstrasse in Berlin. It is administratively subordinate to the State Planning Commission and is headed by Dipl. Ing. Ruefflo (fnu). [redacted] the table of organization of the DAIM had 948 positions. The budget of the DAIM for 1953 amounts to 9.6 million DM Ost. The DAIM is charged with the task of examining the quality of all East German industrial products, including consumer goods. Reports are submitted quarterly by the DAIM to the State Planning Commission and the pertinent ministries. 25X1
2. The Berlin headquarters is subdivided as follows:
- Technical Section (Technische Abteilung)
Chief: Bachmann (fnu), belongs to no political party.
- Personnel Section
Chief: Hoffmann (fnu), SED
- Finance and Budget Section
Chief: unknown
- General Administration Section
Chief: Perenz (fnu), SED
- Specialist Group (Fachgruppe) for Machine Construction
Chief: Dipl. Ing. Kirchhoff (fnu), reportedly a member of the NDP
- Specialist Group for Textiles
Chief: Boenisch (fnu), SED

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3. Specialist groups of the DAMW are located in the following cities:

Halle Specialist Group for Metals
Chief: Dr. Moritz (fnu), CDU

Dresden Specialist Group for Electrical Technology
Chief: Dipl. Ing. Heimerdinger (fnu), SED

Magdeburg Specialist Group for Construction
Chief: Dr. Mlosch (fnu), belongs to no political party

Erfurt Specialist Group for Chemistry
Chief: Haupt (fnu), SED

Hettstedt Specialist Group for Food Chemistry
Chief: Prof. Vollhase (fnu), member of no political party

Erfurt Specialist Group for Wood, Musical Instruments,
Arts and Crafts, Toys, etc.
Chief: Dr. Gutwinski (fnu) SED

Leipzig Specialist Group for Leather
Chief: Prof. Statther (fnu), member of no political party

The DAMW has 63 testing stations scattered throughout East Germany. These testing stations are under the control of the specialist groups in the major urban centers. The testing stations have their own laboratories for testing materials and in certain instances, the station supervises the experiments carried out in the laboratories of industrial plants. 1/

1/ [redacted] reported the dissolution of DAMW testing stations. [redacted] with information [redacted] reported the projected coordination of ZAPT, DAMW and the former independent ZAPT Department for norms and quality under a new Office for Standardization under the State Planning Commission.

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